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SUBJECT:	Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc., (Ex-ARCO), Kern River Oil Field, Kern County - <i>Consideration of a Special Order Rescinding Waste Discharge Requirements No. 97-120 (NPDES No. CA0078280)</i>
DISCUSSION:	<p>ARCO Western Energy (hereafter ARCO) formerly discharged treated wastewater from its Kern River Oil Field leases to the Beardsley and Carrier Canals under WDRs Order No. 97-120. Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc., (hereafter Texaco) purchased the ARCO facility in early 1999. Texaco ceased discharging wastewater from the former ARCO treatment unit, sealed the discharge pipe in June 1999, and subsequently dismantled the treatment system.</p> <p>Produced water from the former ARCO leases is now treated and discharged through Texaco's existing treatment system under WDRs Order Nos. 95-031 and 97-124. During a May 2000 inspection, staff confirmed that the former ARCO treatment unit has been dismantled and the discharge pipeline sealed.</p> <p>Texaco requested that the Board rescind Order No. 97-120. Discharge of produced water from the former ARCO Kern Front Oil Field leases will continue to be regulated by WDRs Order Nos. 95-031 and 97-124.</p>
RECOMMENDATION:	Adopt the proposed Special Order.

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